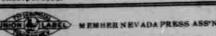
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ANOTHER BACKDOWN

HE situation on the border looks very much like another backdown of the administration that will go down into history on a par with the occupation of Vera Cruz. It does not require a long memory to carry one back to the days when the entire American fleet of dreadnaughts was assembled for the purpose of inspiring terror in the heart of all Mexico. At that time President Wilson delcared there was no intention of occupying Vera Cruz and he disclaimed all suggestions that the act was of an overt character amounting to a declaration of hostilities. What was done remains for some canonizer of the future to describe. Up to date the average taxpayer of this nation cannot find any tangible excuse for either the occupancy or the retirement. Wilson said the fleet was mobilized for the purpose of exacting both reparation and an apology from Madero for his affront to the American Neither apology nor reparation was forthcoming and, after the brave boys of the navy and marine corps performed the job of scavenging the rotten seaport a withdrawal was ordered. That's all there was to it. The entire billion dollar fleet of Uncle Sam was impressed for a garbage cleaning job and as soon as the contract was executed the brave boys who had been shoveling filth for a month or more were ordered back to their stations,

Something like this performance is being repeated on land. Wilson de clared with much bombastic display that the troops of the United States never went anywhere and retired until they had accomplished their mission. Horse, foot and artillery were hastened across the border half equipped and with an inadequate supply of provisions and clothing that caused the troops to suffer most wretchedly from both cold and heat with variations of hunger and sickness. Having ventured deep into the Interior until they had come on a warm trail the troops were halted on the verge of accomplishing the object of their mission and told to wait. That was in full harmony with precedent and all expectation for no one ever heard of this vacillating president ever doing arriang without leaving a loophole for retreat. Out some where in Sonora, after resisting the attacks of a lot of cowardly peons and sympathizers of the Villa faction, the troops were told to wait and they are still waiting. Less than a week ago it was stated on the authority of the White House that no proposition looking to a retreat or reconsideration of first orders would be entertained. Yesterday the administration seems to have indulged in some more mental acrobatics since it authorized the statement that the troops would be withdrawn "gradually" but that the pursuit of Villa would not be relinquished. No one will attempt to harmonize these paradoxes. None but an ultra ardent admirer of the administration could even stomach such a wavering pusilianimous policy that sinks all thoughts of national honor and national pride in an effort to condone another blunder of the party in power at Washington.

SOLDIERS MUST OBEY ORDERS

N the dilemna of the administration in Mexico it is unfortunate that two such brave men as General Scott and General Funston should be used as catspaws to pull political chestnuts out of the campaign fire. Never was the nation favored with two better soldiers or braver men than those who are on the frontier trying to save the face of the United States from disgrace than the pair of generals engaged in the conference with General Obregon. Either one or both could be relied on to carry the American flag through to Chapultepec if told to do so and the feat would have been accomplished with as much ease as the performance of another valiant general who found no difficulty in surmounting all obstacles before the days of aeroplanes, machine guns or automobiles.

Scott and Funston, let their names be praised and their positions pitied. They are soldiers whose first duty is to obey and they are obeying a minority president whose office gives him the proud title of commander-in-chief of the army of the United States. No one has ever dared question the courage of either man. Although their qualifications are of an opposite character there is the same fundamental principle underlying every act. They are there obey and they are ready to carry out orders though the heavens fall and they were swallowed up in the ruins of the earth. Two types such are seldom seen in the same constellation. Scott, suave, mild blue eyed, serene. optimistic but positive whose remarkable physical courage has endowed him with greater force in councils of war than any man of the present century. It was to his rare magnetism that this country has been spared the ravages of several frontier wars through unjust rulings against the native warriors of the mountains and plains. It was due to Scott's signal talents that the flercest tribes of the west were dissuaded from taking the warpath and furnishing fresh chapters of cruelty and saguinary conflicts. His genial smile and hearty handclasp disarmed the most bitter foe and established friendships that have stood the test of time. He was the right man for the medicine talk with Carranza's minister of war and, if he had his way, there would be no backsliding or evasion. If left to his own devices Scott would have landed Villa at any cost but he had to defer to the administration which was caught unprepared by a nation rent by anarchy and almost dismembered by interecine strife. Wilson saw the army was not fit to cope with a bandful of ragged outlaws, that the equipment of the vaunted American soldiery consisted chiefly of bravery and personal enthusiasm without the support of modern equipment.

Funston was there to obey. He was on the ground at the main base directing operations. His genial spirit and unfaltering nerve could be relied on to vindicate the honor of the American people but he was nothing more than a puppet acting as the strings were pulled from Washington. On this memorable week, following the glorious first of May, when Admiral Dewey signafized himself by capturing Manila and warning the German naval commander Von Dederichs to keep out of his way unless he wanted to be sunk before the rocky heights of Corregidor, it is well to recall the further fact that Dewey cut the cables that connected him with Washington and was satisfied that, come what may, he would not be hampered by orders from the silk stockinged statesmen lounging around the halls of Congress. Alas, it is sad that Funston and Scott could not have had the same grim pleasure of pursuing the bent of their own inclinations without waiting for the long distance commands of the man who never knows his own mind for more than a minute at a time

TEDDY TAKES A BACK SEAT

FEDDY the terror, must admit that he received a bad body blow in his greatest stronghold when California failed to indorse his nomination and the old party came back to the polls in almost solid phalanx with the announcement to the world that the future salvation of the nation depended on the two factions burying the hatchet and getting together for the common weal. In addressing a meeting of the Illinois Bar association in Chicago on the 29th of April Col. Roosevelt appealed to the voters of the west to declare themselves. He said: "I appeal to the men of the west to take the lead in the movement for the genuine nationalization of our people. I ask you of the west to take the lead in the effort for a robust and virile nationalism fit and ready to cope with all dangers at home and abroad." Such was his decharation less than one week ago in anticipation of the California primaries where he thought he was entrenched more hopefully than any other state.

Then that state dominated by a governor of Roosevelt's own stamp could not browbeat or intimidate the voters into standing for another suicidal division of party. The voice of California will sound the clarion note that will go ring ing down the halls of time, until at the Chicago convention, there will be but one voice, one party and one candidate to serve as banner hearer for the followers of the party that stands for national honor and national pride.

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